



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### NATIVES & NEWCOMERS: CROW TRIBAL COURT KEPT BUSY CHANGING CONCEPTS OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

By LORNA THACKERAY Billings Gazette (5/05/08)

Three days a week, a dozen or so defendants in criminal cases appear before a Crow Tribal Court judge.

### SKC WINS FIRST PLACE IN THE NATIONAL AIBL CONFERENCE

By Alyssa Kelly Char-Koosta News 05/01/08



American Indian Business Leadership group members Tara Edner, Patrice Plant, and the group's advisor Alfred DeRouche discussed their recent trip to Las Vegas with Dr. Frank Tyro for a talk show program on KSKC-TV. (Alyssa Kelly photo)

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Most people travel to the bright neon lit city of Las Vegas for their chance at winning big, and members of Salish Kootenai College's AIBL chapter were no exception. The group traveled to the scorching deserts of Nevada recently and won three of seven

competitions in the National American Indian Business Leadership Conference.

### NATIVES & NEWCOMERS: 'WE DIDN'T GET JUSTICE' CHANGING CONCEPTS OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

By LORNA THACKERAY Billings Gazette (05/04/08)

When the last of the bison herds disappeared in the early 1880s, Indian nations on the Northern Plains were reduced to poverty.

### REED POINT EIGHTH-GRADER SHINES IN ESSAY COMPETITION

By LINDA HALSTEAD-ACHARYA Billings Gazette (05/05/08)

REED POINT - It took three rewrites before Emily Haggard felt she'd hit her target. Evidently, the judges agreed.

### CROW ELDER, EDUCATOR, AUTHOR DIES

By LORNA THACKERAY Billings Gazette (05/07/08)

Crow tribal elder Alma Hogan Snell, granddaughter of Pretty Shield and keeper of tribal heritage, died Monday in Billings.

### NATIVES & NEWCOMERS: LOST RIVER, LOST POWERS CHANGING CONCEPTS OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

By LORNA THACKERAY Billings Gazette (05/04/08)

The granddaddy of all modern sovereignty cases sprang from Montana.

### **NATIVES & NEWCOMERS: BATTLES OF TAXATION CHANGING CONCEPTS OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

By LORNA THACKERAY Billings Gazette (05/04/08)

Based on earlier Supreme Court decisions, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 2000 that Big Horn County Electric, which served customers on and off the Crow Reservation, did not have to pay tribal taxes on property the company owned on the reservation. The company's rights of way were deemed the equivalent of non-Indian-owned lands.

### **NATIVES & NEWCOMERS: LOOKING FOR RELIEF CHANGING CONCEPTS OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY**

By LORNA THACKERAY Billings Gazette (05/04/08)

When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the interests of tribes in four out of five Indian cases before it in 2001, the National Congress of American Indians and other Native American groups decided that a new strategy was needed.

### **APSAALOOKE BAR ASSOCIATION FORMED**

By Dale Kindness *CrowNews.Net*

The Crow Tribal Court Bar Association (CTCBA) was created by act of the Crow Tribal Legislature in 2001 and the first Crow Tribal Court Bar Examination was administered in November 2002 at the Little Big Horn College. A stated legislative purpose of creating the CTCBA was to raise the standards and qualifications for people who practice law and represent people in the Crow Tribal Court by making it a requirement that they pass the Crow Bar Examination. The exam is a four-hour written test of one's knowledge of laws

applicable to the Crow Tribe of Indians, including constitutional, treaty, traditional, common law, statutory and case law of the Crow Tribe and federal courts, particularly decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

### **TRIBES WANT RESPONSIBLE OIL DEVELOPMENT**

By Bonnie Red Elk Fort Peck Journal (5/1/08)

The Tribal Executive Board is taking steps to be ready for responsible oil development on the Fort Peck Reservation. At the April 28, 2008 TEB meeting, they voted 10-1 to have the Sonosky law firm to develop a letter of invitation containing a protocol to companies that are interested in pursuing oil development on the Fort Peck Reservation.

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

**ATTORNEY SPECIALIST, CIVIL LITIGATION**, Position #61166246, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary range \$52,070 to \$65,088 DOQ. This position is responsible for investigating, evaluating, preparing and trying to juries tort and section 1983 civil rights cases filed against the State of Montana and its employees. Application deadline: Wednesday May 28, 2008 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=331](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=331)

**DEFINED BENEFIT PAYROLL CLERK, POSITION** #61403809, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$20,040 to \$25,050 DOQ. Performs clerical accounting duties to receive, audit and deposit retirement system contributions. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. May 19, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=330](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=330)

**DATABASE ANALYST, POSITION** #61166765, State of Montana, Information Technology Services Division, Helena. Salary \$43,969 to \$54,961 DOQ. This position is responsible for technical support of the SABHRS relational database and of the PeopleSoft software. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Monday May 19, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_E\\_MPR\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=329](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=329)

**HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST**-Position #14015 State of Montana Department of Transportation, Helena Salary \$46,478 Provide professional level support in developing and implementing workforce development, staffing, succession planning, career ladder, and professional development plans, policies, and systems to ensure adequate staffing,

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expertise and skills are available to meet current and future agency business needs. Work with management and other human resource employees to provide employee development; advancement opportunities and enhance recruitment and retention efforts. Provide human resources consultation for the Planning Division and will be part of the Workforce Planning Bureau. Coordinate with the assigned Divisional supervisor and staff to evaluate and resolve confidential human resource issues related to employment, management, policies, and procedures. For a complete listing and to apply see us at [www.mdt.mt.gov](http://www.mdt.mt.gov). This position closes May 16, 2008

## EVENTS/TRAINING:

MONTANA INDIAN BUSINESS ALLIANCE



### Save the Date!

**What:** Montana Indian Business Alliance Quarterly Meeting

**When:** Wednesday May 14, 2008  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** CM Russell Museum  
Ah Wah Cous Room Lower Level  
400 13<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Great Falls, Montana

**Come and join us in planning our future events!**  
**You won't want to miss out on all the excitement!**

1. 2009 Montana Indian Business Conference
2. Montana Indian community business meetings
3. Montana Indian Youth Team

*Breakfast and lunch will be served!*

For meal count please RSVP to Sandy Wood at 406-454-6226 or

E-mail: [swood@fib.com](mailto:swood@fib.com) by May 5, 2008

## GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

### FORT BELKNAP FUELS TREATMENT

Funding Opportunity Number: MT-NOI08-0011  
Current Closing Date for Applications: Jun 01, 2008  
Archive Date: Jul 01, 2008  
Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement  
Category of Funding Activity: Natural Resources  
Expected Number of Awards: 1  
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$25,000  
Award Ceiling: \$25,000  
CFDA Number: 15.228 -- National Fire Plan - Wildland Urban Interface Community Fire Assistance

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

**Eligible Applicants:** Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

**Agency Name:** Bureau of Land Management

**Description:** To complete forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects adjacent to BLM/Fort Belknap Indian Reservation boundary in Montana.

**If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:**

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### URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2008-IHS-UIHP-0001  
Opportunity Category: Discretionary  
Current Closing Date for Applications: May 21, 2008  
Archive Date: Jun 20, 2008  
Funding Instrument Type: Grant  
Category of Funding Activity: Health  
Expected Number of Awards: 33  
Estimated Total Program Funding: \$25,500,000  
Award Ceiling: \$25,500,000  
Award Floor: \$0  
CFDA Number: 93.193 -- Urban Indian Health Services

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No

**Additional Information on Eligibility:** 1. Eligible Applicants: Urban Indian organizations, as defined by 25 U.S.C. 1603(h). 2. Cost Sharing or matching ????" This program does not require matching funds or cost sharing.

**Agency Name:** Indian Health Service

**Description:** The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) announces a targeted solicitation for the 4-in-1 Title V grants to make health care services more accessible for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) residing in urban areas. This program is authorized under the authority of the Snyder Act and 25 U.S.C. 1652 and 1653 and Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), Public Law 94-437, as amended. This program is described at 93.193 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). Under this grant opportunity, the IHS proposes to award grants to 34 Urban Indian organizations that have existing IHS contracts awarded in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 1653 (c)(d)(e)(f). This grant announcement seeks to ensure the highest possible health status for AI/ANs. Funding will be used to continue the 34 Urban Indian organizations' successful implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) priorities, GPRA reporting, collaborative activities with the Veterans Health Administration (VA), and four health programs that make health services more accessible to AI/ANs living in urban areas. The four health services programs are: (1) Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (HP/DP) services, (2) Immunizations, and Behavioral Health Services consisting of (3) Alcohol/Substance Abuse services, and (4) Mental Health

Prevention and Treatment services. These programs are integral components of the IHS chronic care initiative and the strategic objective focused on improving safety, quality, affordability, and accessibility of health care.

**Link to Full Announcement**

[http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/index.cfm?module=gogp\\_funding](http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/index.cfm?module=gogp_funding)

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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008; RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

HUD will award up to approximately \$17,000,000 on a competitive basis for Support for Innovative Housing and Economic Development Activities to federally recognized Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies (HFAs), state community and/or economic development agencies, local rural nonprofit organizations, and community development corporations to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. The maximum amount awarded to a successful applicant will be **\$300,000 – the deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>**.

***Eligible Applicants***

Eligible applicants for the Rural Housing and Economic Development program are local rural nonprofit organizations, community development corporations, federally recognized Indian tribes, state housing finance agencies, and state community and/or economic development agencies. Also, you must meet all of the applicable eligibility requirements described in section III.C of the General Section.

***B. Cost Sharing or Matching***

There is no match required under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program. Applicants that submit evidence of leveraging dollars under Rating Factor 4 will receive points according to the scale under that factor.

***Eligible Activities***

The following are examples of eligible activities under the Rural Housing and Economic Development program. Permissible activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- The cost of using new or innovative construction, energy efficiency, or other techniques that will result in the design or construction of innovative housing and economic development projects;
- Preparation of plans or of architectural or engineering drawings;
- Preparation of legal documents, government paperwork, and applications necessary for construction of housing and economic development activities to occur in the jurisdiction;
- Acquisition of land and buildings;
- Demolition of property to permit construction or rehabilitation activities to occur;
- Purchase of construction materials;
- Homeownership counseling, including on the subjects of fair housing counseling, credit counseling, budgeting, access to credit, and other federal assistance available, including features for persons with disabilities, such as full accessibility, visitability, and universal design;

- Conducting conferences or meetings with other federal or state agencies, tribes, tribally designated housing entities (TDHE), or national or regional housing organizations, to inform residents of programs, rights, and responsibilities associated with homebuying opportunities (all meetings and conferences should be provided in alternative formats for persons with a variety of disabilities, as appropriate, and in applicable languages common in the community for limited English proficient (LEP) families);
- Establishing Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), lines of credit, revolving loan funds, microenterprises, and small business incubators; and
- Provision of direct financial assistance to homeowners/businesses/ developers, etc. This can be in the form of default reserves, pooling/ securitization mechanisms, loans, grants, the funding of existing individual development accounts, or similar activities.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES**

Funding Opportunity Number:	FR-5200-N-12
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 11, 2008
Archive Date:	Jul 12, 2008
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Housing
Award Ceiling:	\$62,000,000
CFDA Number:	14.862 -- Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

**Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No**

**Program Description.** The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4. The ONAP in HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing administers the program.

1. Single Purpose Grants. Projects funded by the ICDBG program must meet the primary objective, defined at 24 CFR 1003.2, to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Consistent with this objective, not less than 70 percent of the expenditures of each single-purpose grant shall be for activities that meet the regulatory criteria at 24 CFR 1003.208 for: a. Area Benefit Activitiesb. Limited Clientele Activitiesc. Housing Activitiesd. Job Creation or Retention Activities

ICDBG funds may be used to improve housing stock, provide community facilities, improve infrastructure, and expand job opportunities by supporting the economic development of the communities, especially by nonprofit tribal organizations or local development corporations. ICDBG single-purpose grants are distributed as annual competitive grants, in response to this NOFA.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (TCUS) FISCAL YEAR 2008**

This is a set-aside for Tribal Colleges and Universities. The DoD announces the availability of the FY 2008 Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for the Instrumentation Program for Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). This program aims to enhance science, mathematics, and/or engineering education programs and/or research capabilities through the acquisition of equipment and/or instrumentation that will augment existing facilities, enhance curricula, or develop new laboratories, programs and capabilities in areas related to science, mathematics, and/or engineering. Eligible applicants are only those institutions identified in the U.S. Department of Education Postsecondary list for Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities. The list is available at: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst-list-pg5.html>. Only one proposal per institution will be accepted. DoD funds will be awarded via grants

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through the Army Research Office (ARO) based on this announcement. The BAA will contain additional information along with instructions for proposal preparation and submission. Proposals must be received at the ARO no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT) on June 26, 2008. THE BAA MAY BE VIEWED OR DOWNLOADED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS ON OR ABOUT 05 MAY 2008:

<http://www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm?Action=6&Page=8>

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